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1. DATA USED BY HANDLER IN MAY 24 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR USHIBA WERE TAKEN FROM ABCC BUDGET MATERIAL AND IDENTICAL TO DATA USED BY US DELEGATION IN BINATIONAL DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO IN APRIL 1973. DEFICIT DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME AND STILL PROJECTED FOR US FY 1974 IS \$1.2 MILLION IN OPERATING EXPENSES. ALTERNATIVE DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME AND STILL NECESSARY IN THE ABSENCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS IS REDUCTION IN FORCE. DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR USHIBA PRODUCTIVE IN THAT GOJ RESPONSE NOW ANTICIPATED BY LATE JULY RATHER THAN END OF AUGUST AS STATED BY WELFARE MINISTRY AT TOKYO MEETINGS IN APRIL.

2. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, DEPT. AWARE OF HANDLER DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR USHIBA. AEC BRIEFED BY HANDLER FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS.

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3. AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL, ACCOMPANIED BY JAPAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR AND SCI REPRESENTATIVE, VISITED DR. DIXY LEE RAY, CHAIRMAN OF AEC, ON JUNE 22. THEY DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF CONTINUED OPERATION OF ABCC AT EXISTING EMPLOYMENT LEVELS.

DR. RAY NOTED THAT AEC WAS IN PROCESS OF LAYING OFF MANY CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION WOULD BE SEVERE IF AEC FUNDS WERE USED TO MAINTAIN ABCC JAPANESE STAFFING WHILE DOMESTIC LAYOFFS OCCURRED. AMBASSADOR AND CHAIRMAN RAY AGREED THAT GOJ SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD THAT ADDITIONAL US FUNDING WILL BE FORTHCOMING. ROGERS

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